

Jerry Thurber



Getting involved with OLLI was one of my top priorities when I moved to Prescott a year ago. OLLI is a gateway to the community and a great way to meet friendly, intellectually stimulating, people. My background is in human resource systems where I worked for a large HR firm prior to starting my own HR product company. I have been on the Boards of several non-profits over the years, and participated in OLLI in Colorado prior to moving to Prescott. Being on the Governing Council is an opportunity for me to give back to this community.

Deb Dillon



I love OLLI! I've been involved with OLLI for 8 years, serving on the Governing Council and the Curriculum Committee as well as facilitating and taking many classes. OLLI has so enriched my life, and I appreciate the opportunity to give back to the organization.

Linda Neville



For the last few years, OLLI has provided me with inspiration, education, and great discussions. It would be meaningful to give back by participating in the governing council. I am a retired charter school teacher. For several

years, I accompanied many musicals at Prescott Center for the Arts, and even enjoyed a few years as Adjunct Faculty in the Yavapai College Music Department under the direction of Dr. Will Fisher. I'm keeping myself busy these days with writing, art, and gardening. My husband, Clyde, is nearly finished building Main Street Theater in Prescott Valley, home of Prescott Valley Performing Arts, our local community theater.

John Acquavella



I semi-retired to Prescott in 2014 after a career in epidemiology and have been working part-time as a professor of clinical epidemiology at Aarhus University in Denmark and as a biomedical journal editor. I've been both an OLLI student and facilitator (my 2021 1st term course: Thinking like an epidemiologist) - both very positive experiences. I'm a strong proponent of continuing education, especially in the sciences, and believe I could contribute a helpful perspective to the OLLI Governing Council.

Jim Trapp



I have been an active member of OLLI since I retired and moved to Prescott in 2011. I have taken many classes (particularly involving music and history) and have co-facilitated a beginning guitar class with Mark Dillon. I have

met many good friends in OLLI and found it to basically be the foundation of my social life in Prescott. I would like to take this opportunity to give back to an organization that has meant so much to me.

Tom Stachon



I have been a member of OLLI for 5+ years, taking a variety of classes involving Science and Politics. Last season I was able to sit in with a Sedona Olli group working in conjunction with the City Council and Engineering Dept to limit

the City's impact on Climate Change. That was a prime example of putting the class into action on an important issue, beyond just being entertaining, which is something I believe we could do with some of our classes. Which would be beneficial to the community, and also stimulate the passion of our members to create more substantive purpose which is what I believe our OLLI is already about, but which could be elevated to a new level.

Jim Veney



I'm a classroom junky. I've spent most of my life, from about age 5, in one academic setting or another. I was on the faculty at the University of North Carolina for thirty years, and after we moved to Prescott I took more than one hundred

credit hours of courses at Yavapai College. When I ran out of courses to take I turned to OLLI. I've facilitated more than twenty-five OLLI classes and have served on the Governing Council for the past two years. I also serve as secretary to the Council. I plan to continue to work with OLLI.

Joe Schaffer



Joe is a retired business owner, college professor and writer, and has been active in OLLI as a participant and facilitator since 2010, enjoying a retirement enriched by family, friends, and the opportunities for personal growth through

OLLI and as a volunteer at the Musical Instrument Museum. Joe is currently on the OLLI Governing Council and is the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and welcomes the opportunity to help advance and expand OLLI programming, membership and participation, in pursuit of his mission to fill his life and the lives of those around him with intellectual stimulation, good food, wine, and beautiful music.